

# USM - Towson University

## MISSION

Towson University (TU), as the state's comprehensive Metropolitan University, offers a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts, sciences, arts and applied professional fields that are nationally recognized for quality and value. Towson emphasizes excellence in teaching, scholarship, research and community engagement responsive to the needs of the region and the state. In addition to educating students in the specialized knowledge of defined fields, Towson's academic programs develop students' capacities for effective communication, critical analysis, and flexible thought, and they cultivate an awareness of both difference and commonality necessary for multifaceted work environments and for local and global citizenship and leadership. Towson's core values reflect high standards of integrity, collaboration, and service, contributing to the sustainability and enrichment of the culture, society, economy, and environment of the State of Maryland and beyond.

## VISION

With nearly 23,000 students, Towson University, a regionally and nationally ranked large comprehensive university, will continue to foster intellectual inquiry and critical thinking preparing graduates who will serve as effective, ethical leaders and engaged citizens. Through a foundation in the liberal arts, an emphasis on rigorous academic standards, and the creation of small learning environments, we are committed to providing a collaborative, interdisciplinary and inter-professional atmosphere, excellence in teaching, leadership development, civic engagement, and applied and sponsored research opportunities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Our graduates will leave Towson University with the vision, creativity and adaptability to craft innovative, evidence-based solutions that enrich the culture, society, economy, and environment of Maryland, the region, and beyond.

## KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### Goal 1. Create and maintain a well-educated work force.

**Obj. 1.1** Increase the estimated number of TU graduates employed in Maryland to 3,400 or above by survey year 2017.

**Obj. 1.2** Increase number of TU students receiving degrees or certificates in teacher training programs to 725 by fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 1.3** Increase the number of TU students receiving degrees or certificates in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) programs to 918 by fiscal year 2019.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Total enrollment	21,464	21,960	22,499	22,285	22,284	22,343	22,565
Total degree recipients	5,216	5,339	5,425	5,544	5,432	5,412	5,473
Employment rate of graduates (triennial survey)	N/A	N/A	85.7%	N/A	N/A	88.0%	N/A
Estimated number of graduates employed in Maryland (triennial survey)	N/A	N/A	3,245	N/A	N/A	3,681	N/A
Number of students in teacher training programs	1,838	1,760	1,866	1,760	1,479	1,382	1,505
Number of students receiving degrees or certificates in teacher training programs	689	697	709	611	599	579	630
Percent of students who completed a degree or certificate in a teacher training program and passed Praxis II	96%	98%	98%	99%	98%	98%	98%
Number of undergraduate students enrolled in STEM programs	2,576	2,763	3,051	3,121	3,320	3,530	3,600
Number of graduate students enrolled in STEM programs	758	751	794	750	655	811	815
Number of students graduating from STEM programs	738	798	864	933	861	880	890

**Obj. 1.4** Increase and maintain the estimated number of degrees awarded in nursing to 230 by fiscal year 2019.

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Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Number of qualified applicants who applied to nursing program	261	195	271	311	334	461	485
Number accepted into nursing programs	99	111	172	187	213	325	350
Number of undergraduates enrolled in nursing programs	364	364	438	509	575	730	700
Number of graduate students enrolled in nursing programs	86	85	83	65	57	43	45
Number of students graduating from nursing programs	180	210	215	225	262	302	315
Percent of nursing program graduates passing the licensing examination	91%	86%	84%	89%	TBA	86%	86%

**Goal 2. Promote economic development.**

**Obj. 2.1** Increase and maintain the ratio of median TU graduates' salary to the median annual salary of civilian work force with a bachelor's degree to 80.0 percent or above by survey year 2019.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Median salary of TU graduates employed full-time (triennial survey)	N/A	N/A	\$39,999	N/A	N/A	TBA	N/A
Ratio of median salary of TU graduates to civilian work force with bachelor's degree (triennial survey)	N/A	N/A	78.8%	N/A	N/A	TBA	N/A

**Goal 3. Increase access for and success of minority, disadvantaged and Veteran students.**

**Obj. 3.1** Increase and maintain the percent of minority undergraduate students to 33 percent or above by fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 3.2** Increase and maintain the percent of African-American undergraduate students to 18 percent or above by fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 3.3** Increase and maintain the ethnic minority undergraduate second-year retention rate to 85 percent or above by fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 3.4** Increase and maintain the African-American undergraduate second-year retention rate to 85 percent or above through fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 3.5** Increase and maintain the ethnic minority undergraduate graduation rate to 72 percent or above by fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 3.6** Increase and maintain the African-American undergraduate graduation rate to 72 percent or above by fiscal year 2019.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Percent of minority undergraduate students enrolled	24.0%	26.1%	28.9%	31.3%	33.9%	36.7%	37.2%
Percent of African-American undergraduate students enrolled	13.4%	14.1%	15.2%	16.1%	17.6%	19.0%	19.5%
Second-year retention rate of minority students	86.6%	91.8%	90.9%	89.3%	89.4%	86.0%	86.0%
Second-year retention rate of African-American students	88.1%	93.0%	92.0%	90.1%	93.8%	88.0%	88.0%
Six-year graduation rate of minority students	58.8%	64.8%	66.0%	68.5%	72.9%	70.0%	71.0%
Six-year graduation rate of African-American students	56.7%	63.8%	63.8%	67.6%	69.6%	67.0%	71.0%

**Obj. 3.7** Increase the number of enrolled first-generation undergraduate students to 3,400 or above by fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 3.8** Increase the number of enrolled low-income undergraduate students to 3,150 or above by fiscal year 2019.

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**Obj. 3.9** Increase the number of enrolled veterans and service members.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
First-generation undergraduate students enrolled	3,309	3,388	3,427	3,332	3,332	3,183	3,150
Six-year graduation rate of first-generation students	61.6%	62.7%	62.8%	65.0%	66.2%	67.2%	66.0%
Low-income undergraduate students enrolled	2,613	2,782	2,932	2,991	3,120	3,205	3,275
Six-year graduation rate of low-income students	48.0%	49.8%	50.0%	63.6%	62.8%	61.9%	62.0%
Number of incoming undergraduate veterans and service members	N/A	55	77	90	77	91	91
Second year retention rate of veterans and service members	N/A	83.6%	69.8%	81.1%	80.5%	80.0%	80.0%

**Goal 4. Achieve and sustain national eminence in providing quality education, research and public service.**

**Obj. 4.1** Maintain the second-year retention rate of TU undergraduates at or above 87 percent through fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 4.2** Maintain the six-year graduation rate of TU undergraduates at or above 72 percent through fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 4.3** Maintain the level of student satisfaction with education received for employment at or above 90 percent through Survey Year 2019.

**Obj. 4.4** Maintain the level of student satisfaction with education received for graduate/professional school at or above 98 percent through Survey Year 2019.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Second-year retention rate of students	86.2%	87.8%	88.1%	87.5%	87.4%	87.0%	87.0%
Six-year graduation rate of students	68.7%	70.8%	68.7%	71.4%	74.8%	72.0%	72.0%
Percent of students satisfied with education received for employment (triennial survey)	N/A	N/A	89.5%	N/A	N/A	90.0%	N/A
Percent of students satisfied with education received for graduate/professional school (triennial survey)	N/A	N/A	99.2%	N/A	N/A	98.0%	N/A

**Goal 5. Maximize the efficient and effective use of State resources.**

**Obj. 5.1** Maintain and increase expenditures on facility renewal to two percent by fiscal year 2019.

**Obj. 5.2** Increase the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in TU courses delivered off campus or through distance education 1,475 or above by fiscal year 2019.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Percent of replacement cost expended in facility renewal and renovation	2.70%	1.80%	5.00%	3.56%	2.69%	2.20%	2.20%
Full-time equivalent students enrolled in distance education and off campus courses	1,132	1,375	1,405	1,388	1,568	1,546	1,580